

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-D-15-04

Issued at Sitka, Monday,
July 12, 2004

Effective 12:01 A.M. Tuesday,
Date: July 13, 2004

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Thursday,
September 30, 2004, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order provides for a bag and possession limit of 10 king salmon of any size in the waters of Sawmill Creek and Salmon Lake drainage. King salmon caught in Sawmill Creek and Salmon Lake drainage do not count toward a nonresident's annual limit.

REGULATION: Consistent with 5 AAC 75.003 (2)(b), the following provisions are effective:

5 AAC 47.023. Special Provisions for waters; seasons; bag, possession, and size limits, and method and means for the fresh waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

(9) Salmon Lake drainage,

(A) The bag and possession limit for king salmon is 10 of any size;

(B) King salmon harvested in this area do not count toward the nonresident annual limit established by emergency order 1-07-03;

(10) Sawmill Creek,

(A) The bag and possession limit for king salmon is 10 of any size;

(B) King salmon harvested in this area do not count toward the nonresident annual limit established by emergency order 1-07-03.

JUSTIFICATION:

King salmon were observed in Sawmill and Salmon Lake drainages on July 7, 2004. These observations indicate that hatchery-produced king salmon have strayed from their production areas to local rivers. These king salmon exceed hatchery requirements. Regulations changing bag, possession, and annual limits are therefore justified according to provisions in 5 AAC 47.055 (h) and 5AAC 75.003 (2) (b) to allow harvest of surplus king salmon by sport anglers.

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